

OPINION 966

XYLETINUS LATREILLE, 1809 (INSECTA, COLEOPTERA):
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY
POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Xyletinus* Latreille, 1809, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Ptilinus ater* Creutzer, 1796, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Xyletinus* Latreille, 1809 (gender: masculine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Ptilinus ater* Creutzer, 1796, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1947.

(3) The specific name *ater* Creutzer, 1796, as published in the binomen *Ptilinus ater* (type-species of *Xyletinus* Latreille, 1809) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2454.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1871)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Richard E. White in December 1968. Dr. White's application was sent to the printer on 24 January 1969 and was published on 12 May 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 57–58. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 29 October 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)36 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 26 : 58. Because of a strike of British postal workers the voting period was extended to 31 March 1971, and at that date the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: Melville, Mayr, Lemche, Holthuis, Simpson, Brinck, Obruchev, Eisenmann, Bonnet, Vokes, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Starobogatov, Ride, Alvarado, Binder, Sabrosky, Forest.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Kraus, Munroe.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

ater, *Ptilinus*, Creutzer, 1796, in Panzer, *Ins. Germ.*, heft 35, tab. 9

Xyletinus Latreille, 1809, *Gen. Crust. Ins.* 4 : 376

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)36 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 966.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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